

MAY OUST BOARD OF EDUCATION

Governor Blease Tells How Rumor Originated, In Discussing Thompson's History.

Columbia, May 26.—Gov. Blease took official notice Friday of the rumors that he would remove the State board of education, when he was asked about the situation.

Briefly the situation is that Governor Blease has under consideration now the question of whether or not he will remove the appointive members of the board. He stated Friday that he could not say at this time whether he would take action in the matter at all, but that he has never stated whether he would or not remove the board.

Origin of Rumor.

The situation that gave rise to the rumor came up in this way, as explained Friday by the governor:

When Col. Waddy Thompson, of Atlanta, who is the author of a history of the United States, which book is used in the schools and upon which the board has to pass when it considers the text-book proposition, came to see Governor Blease, who is ex-officio chairman of the board of education, and Governor Blease, in talking over the text-book situation, said to Col. Thompson that he did not like the history by this author because "it dodged the question of the responsibility for the burning of Columbia."

On Burning of Columbia.

Governor Blease stated Friday that he told the author of the history that "I would take the word of Bishop Ellison Capers and of Wade Hampton before the word of every Yankee north of the Mason and Dixon line." Governor Blease also, so stated the chief executive, told Col. Thompson that there was the word of other folks residing here at the time of the burning of Columbia and statements from them as to Sherman's act.

Governor Blease explained that what he wished to impart was his belief that such testimony should have been put into a book that goes to the children of this State.

Governor Blease is authority for the statement coming from the author that the reason Northern testimony was given as to the burning of Columbia was because it was sought to show to the Northern people by evidence from the North itself the situation as to the burning of Columbia, that the people here in the South knew the situation already about the truth as to the burning of Columbia.

What Blease Said.

It was, according to Governor Blease, when the author of the book said something to this effect that "the members of the State board of education are in favor of my book," Governor Blease not recalling Friday the exact verbiage; that the Governor told Col. Thompson, "Well, maybe, the present State board of education will not pass upon your book. I am thinking of removing the members because the book men are worrying them so, and getting another board that will probably be better able to pass upon the book question without being worried so by the agents."

This statement, or words to the same effect, so stated Governor Blease today, has given rise to the rumors that he would ask the members of the board to resign. He has not, he states, given any intimation yet as to whether he would or not ask for the resignation of the members. "But I am considering the matter," Governor Blease concluded.

The rumor has been prevalent here for several days; yesterday they went even so far as to reach the point that the act had already been done.

Governor Blease was for this reason asked the direct question today by the News and Courier correspondent, and replied in the manner quoted above.

Members of Present Board.

The following are the members of the board of education:

C. L. Blease, ex-officio chairman; J. E. Swearingen, ex-officio secretary; A. G. Rembert, Spartanburg; J. M. O'Driscoll, Charleston; H. E. Rice, Jr., Aiken; Nathan B. Toms, Darlington; J. L. Glenn, Chester; A. J. Thackston, Orangeburg; D. W. Daniel, Clemson College.

The section of the act creating the board, with reference to the appointment of members, is as follows:

"The governor, the State superintendent of education and seven persons, one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the governor, who shall hold office for four years, and until their successors may be appointed, unless sooner removed by the governor, shall constitute the State board of education."

There have been a number of book agents to call upon Governor Blease in the last few weeks. Nearly every day several of those urging books for adoption for use in the schools of this State have called to see the governor.

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W. T. Jones Tries Unsuccessfully to Recover Expenses of His Trial in Cotton and Wheat.

Spartanburg Herald, 25th.

W. T. Jones, the wealthy Union county planter, who will be taken to the State penitentiary at Columbia next week to serve a life term for poisoning his wife, bears no malice towards anybody, and has decided to submit to the judgment of the courts gracefully, although he declares he is innocent of his wife's murder.

It was learned yesterday that Jones had lost an amount estimated at about \$100,000 through speculation in cotton and wheat. He has appointed the Nicholson Trust company, of Union, trustee of his estate, and instructed the company to pay his debts out of the income of his plantations.

Jones owns about 5,000 acres of land, 3,000 acres being contained in a single plantation. The annual income from his property varies from \$12,000 to \$15,000, it is said.

According to Spartanburg friends, Jones turned to speculation in an effort not only to recover the attorneys' fees and other expenses of his trial and appeals to the supreme court, but also to divert his mind from his trouble. At first, it is said, he was successful, but later the tide turned and he sustained heavy losses.

#### Had Many Privileges.

Jones has been confined in the Union county jail since the death of his wife on the night of July 4, 1908. He has enjoyed many privileges, it is said and in the early part of his imprisonment drank heavily. His market operations were conducted from his cell.

Jones is now 41 years old. He is said to be a tall, handsome man and is well educated. He attended the University of South Carolina and Davidson college, N. C., but did not graduate from either.

#### The One Honest Man.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Diognese hurried down the street, dragging a man by the coat collar.

"Are you sure that's him?" some one asked.

The old fellow's smile was simply cherubic.

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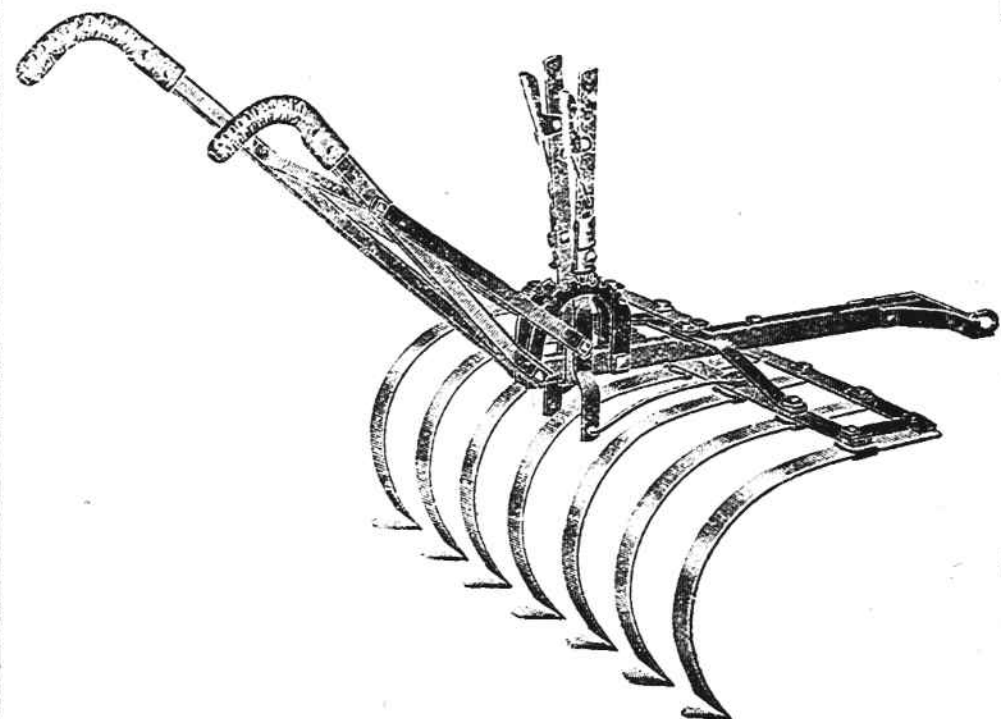
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